

BUDGET WEEK

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Summarizing budgetary issues in legislation scheduled for the House floor

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SUSPENSION CALENDAR

1) Sierra National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2006 (H.R.409).

This bill authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange 160
acres of Federal land in California for 80 acres of privately owned land in that State. The Congressional Budget Office [CBO] estimates that H.R. 409 would increase offsetting receipts by about \$100,000, and the Secretary could spend up to that amount without further appropriation. This will result in a negligible (less than \$100,000) change in direct spending. Enacting the legislation would not affect revenue.

2) To Amend the National Trails System Act to Update the Feasibility and Suitability Study Originally Prepared for the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail and Provide for the Inclusion of New Trail Segments, Land Components, and Campgrounds Associated With that Trail (H.R. 3085).



This bill requires the National Park Service [NPS] to complete, over 6 months, a feasibility study for designating certain routes as components of the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail. Assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that carrying out the required work would cost less than \$100,000 over the next year. Enacting H.R. 3085 will not affect direct spending or revenue.

3) *Idaho Land Enhancement Act* (S.1131). This bill directs the Secretaries of Agriculture

and the Interior to convey to the State of Idaho a total of 7,825 acres of Federal land in exchange for 11,815 acres of land owned by that State. CBO estimates that implementing S. 1131 will have no significant impact on the Federal budget. Enacting the bill would not affect revenue.

4) **New England Wilderness Act of 2006** (S. 4001). This bill designates specified Federal lands managed



by the United States Forest Service in New Hampshire and Vermont as wilderness areas and as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System. A cost estimate was not available, but enacting this bill is not expected to increase direct spending or reduce revenue.

5) *Pitkin County Land Exchange Act of 2006* (H.R. 1129). This bill authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture and the

Secretary of the Interior to convey a total of about 51 acres of Federal land to Pitkin County, CO, in exchange for roughly 53 acres of land owned by that county. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1129 will not significantly affect the Federal budget and will not affect revenue.

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PLEASE NOTE: This document addresses budgetary issues only. It should not be taken to address support or opposition on any other grounds. A green flag indicates no serious budgetary or budget compliance concerns. A yellow flag indicates moderate or potential problems. A red flag indicates serious problems. Also note: Floor schedules and legislative details are subject to change after publication.

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6) Lower Farmington River and Salmon Brook Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2005 (S. 435). This bill requires the National Park Service to study a segment of the Farmington River and a segment of the Salmon Brook in Connecticut for potential addition to the Wild and Scenic Rivers System. CBO estimates that implementing S. 435 will cost about \$200,000 over the next 3 years, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting S. 435 will not affect direct spending or revenue.



7) Pactola Reservoir Reallocation Authorization Act of 2005 (S. 819). This bill authorizes the Bureau of Reclamation to reallocate the construction costs of Pactola Dam and Reservoir from irrigation purposes to municipal and industrial and fish and wildlife purposes. This change allows the bureau to provide water to Rapid City, SD, under a new contract that replaces expired contracts for supplemental irrigation and municipal and industrial water. The new water service contract would generate a small increase in receipts over existing interim contracts, totaling about \$100,000 annually. Such payments are recorded in the budget as offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending).

8) To Amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to Reauthorize a Program Relating to the Lake Pontchartrain Basin, and for Other Purposes (H.R. 6121).



This bill amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (popularly known as the Clean Water Act) to extend through fiscal year 2011 the authorization of appropriations for the Environmental Protection Agency's [EPA] Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program in Louisiana and Mississippi. A cost estimate was not available, but enacting this bill is not expected to increase direct spending or reduce revenue.

9) A Bill to Designate the State Route 1 Bridge in the State of Delaware as the "Senator 🔪 William V. Roth, Jr. Bridge" (S. 1140).



This bill designates the State Route 1 Bridge over the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal in Delaware as the "Senator William V. Roth, Jr. Bridge." A cost estimate was not available, but enacting this bill is not expected to increase direct spending or reduce revenues.

- 10) To Authorize the Extension of Nondiscriminatory Treatment (Normal Trade Relations Treatment) to the Products of Vietnam, and to Establish a Procedure for Imposing Quotas on Imports of Subsidized Textile and Apparel Products of Vietnam (H.R. 5602, as amended). This bill authorizes the President to extend nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Vietnam. A cost estimate was not available, but enacting this bill is not expected to increase direct spending or reduce revenue.
- 11) Recognizing the Contributions of the Christmas Tree Industry to the United States Economy and Urging the Secretary of Agriculture to Establish Programs to Raise Awareness of the Importance of the Christmas Tree Industry (H.J.Res. 96). This resolution has no budget implications.



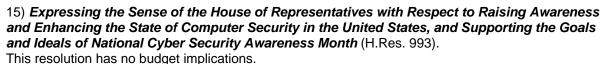
- 12) To Amend Title 38, United States Code, to Extend Certain Expiring Provisions of Law. This bill would extend certain expiring provisions of law relating to health care and homeless veterans. It would also expand eligibility for survivor and dependent educational assistance. A cost estimate was not available, but enacting this bill is expected to cause a negligible increase in direct spending in fiscal years 2007 and 2008.
- 13) Gynecologic Cancer Education and Awareness Act of 2005 (H.R. 1245). This bill directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a national campaign to increase the awareness and knowledge of women with respect to gynecologic cancers. It also requires the Secretary to award grants to nonprofit private entities to test different outreach

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Budget Week Page 2 and education strategies for increasing such awareness among women and health professionals. A cost estimate was not available, but enacting this bill is not expected to increase direct spending or reduce revenue.

14) Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act (H.R. 864).

This bill requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish an interagency coordinating committee to guide, across the Federal Government, policy and program development on underage drinking. The Secretary must also issue an annual report card to rate the performance of each State in preventing or reducing underage drinking, and develop a set of outcome measures to prepare such report cards. The Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy is required to award grants to design, test, evaluate, and disseminate strategies to maximize the effectiveness of communitywide approaches to the prevention and reduction of underage drinking. A cost



estimate was not available, but enacting this bill is not expected to increase direct spending or reduce



16) *Making Further Continuing Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2007*. This joint resolution provides funding through 8 December 2006 for programs and activities for which the regular fiscal year 2007 appropriations measures have not been enacted. The spending levels in this measure – provided under the same terms and conditions as those effect for fiscal year 2006 – can be superseded by the earlier of: 1) enactment of a regular appropriation

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enacted. The spending levels in this measure – provided under the same terms and conditions as those in effect for fiscal year 2006 – can be superseded by the earlier of: 1) enactment of a regular appropriation for any project or activity provided for in this joint resolution; or 2) enactment of the applicable appropriations act without any provision for such project or activity. It also authorizes continuation of other specified activities (including activities for entitlements and other mandatory payments) through 8 December 2006. This is the second continuing resolution for fiscal year 2007. The first was passed as part of the fiscal year 2007 Department of Defense appropriations bill, and expires on 17 November 2006.

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